

## Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., May 30, 1901.

### LOCAL NOTES.

Cherries are ripe.  
Tabiquah is now assured of railroad.

Ex-Sheriff Neal Woot is here from Foyil.

Wm. Johnston is here from Bartlesville.

Mrs. Claude Walton is visiting in Missouri.

Work on the ice plant is progressing rapidly.

Ralph Green came in from Fairland this morning.

Mrs. Sam H. Frazier is visiting relatives in Missouri.

Miss Agnes Foster is numbered with the sick today.

Johnnie Crutchenfield had a horse stolen Saturday night.

These Sunday excursions are very hard on one's clothes.

El Roca is visiting his home at Mammoth Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Raymond went to Chelsea this morning.

Vinita will have some good racing the last week in June.

Milton Bacon, of Carthage, was visiting in the city yesterday.

Fred Melton, of Cassville, Mo., was visiting friends in the city.

J. L. Beardsley and wife, of Wagoner, are visiting in the city.

Tom Collins and family will move to their new residence soon.

A large number of Vinita freemen have gone to Chelsea to enroll.

Miss Bessie Ryan is visiting Mrs. Birch Baker at White Oak.

W. J. Baker, of Tulsa, was transacting business here yesterday.

W. P. Gatewood is sick and unable to be at his work at the jumps.

Miss Sue Sullivan, of McAlester, is a guest at Willie Hahell College.

Mrs. T. J. and Mrs. J. J. Carroll went to White Oak this morning.

Jim Sheehan has given our band the appropriate name of "Sequoia."

Jim Little is erecting a new dwelling at his farm northeast of town.

Negro policemen in Parsons are as thick as good looking girls in Vinita.

The grand jury adjourned Saturday afternoon after a two week's session.

L. B. Scott is suffering with neuralgia in his eyes and unable to work.

Like Moore, N. M. Smith, and C. S. Reed, of Holdenville, are in the city.

The will be a Confederate reunion and picnic at the fair ground at Chelsea.

The Quapaw reservation has been added to Inspector Wright's jurisdiction.

J. B. Hayden, formerly editor of the Pryor Creek Review, was in the city today.

Millard, Dorothy and Grace Davenport are visiting their aunt at Little Rock, Ark.

F. W. Strout is in Hot Springs in the hope of getting relief from rheumatism.

John Phillips, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., is attending the closing exercises at the College.

E. N. Williamson is now working to the interest of the Vinita Fruit Producers Co.

Miss Cassie Hill, of Welch, was in the city yesterday and went to Tulsa this morning.

D. E. Ward, of the Cherokee board of Education, spent a few days in town this week.

B. D. Pennington, W. J. Strange and A. S. Juffrey were here from Chelsea yesterday.

Messieurs W. E. Hahell and Wm. Mellette are at Memphis taking in the Confederate reunion.

The number of nice, stylish driving horses in and around Vinita this season shows a large increase.

Mellette and Smith went to Chelsea Tuesday morning to appear before the Dawes commission in some freedom cases.

John Jinx, in officer from Baxter Springs, arrested a negro boy, in the city on Monday morning charged with larceny.

Col. J. M. Bell is at Chelsea, a witness for the Cherokee nation in some freedom cases before the Dawes Commission.

Dr. J. W. Bone and G. W. Poole, of Chelsea, attended the meeting of the republican executive committee here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chickett are rejoicing at the birth of an eight pound baby born at 1300 Wednesday afternoon.

There will be no prayer meeting at the Methodist church tonight on account of the entertainment at Willie Hahell College.

Dr. S. E. Ancker and wife and little daughter, returned from Kansas City Tuesday, where they had been on the editorial excursion.

Wm. Strange, of Chelsea, father of W. J. Strange, died Tuesday evening at two o'clock. He had only been ill for twenty-four hours.

Mrs. W. E. Sanders, of Claremore, has been a guest of Mrs. G. W. Clark this week. She went to Chelsea this morning to visit Mrs. Kell.

Bill Allen, colored, is on trial at Judge Gill's court this afternoon on a charge of burglarizing Jim Little's residence about a year ago.

Mrs. M. Daniels and family will move to the house recently vacated by Mr. Darrough, near their new home is completed near the College.

A. L. Churchill left for St. Louis Sunday, and will go to New York in a few days to attend the annual session of the Traveling Men's Protective association.

W. E. Hahell will erect a new brick store, two-stories high, on the lot north of the new Chandler building. The lower rooms will be occupied by Joe Davis, as a barber shop.

M. E. Milford was in from the farm Monday, the first time in some weeks. He has upwards of three hundred young calves in his herd, and reports both stock and crops doing well.

Mrs. Charlesworth and son Fred went to Tabiquah last Tuesday to attend Commencement exercises at the Male Seminary. Walter Charlesworth will accompany them home.

Judge Jennings and son, of Claremore, were here, Saturday. The judge held a session of the county court Saturday night in the absence of Commissioner Don Carlos.

Mr. Wallen, of the firm of Wallen & Wilcox, of this place, returned from Cassville, Mo., Tuesday morning, where he was called to the bedside of his sister several days ago. She did not recover.

C. C. Life died at his home on Verdigris river north of Claremore Saturday. "Jake," as he was familiarly called was well-known throughout the district, having held the office of district clerk two or three times.

Pastor Curtis E. Long preached two more excellent sermons at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. The sermon in the evening was especially fine, the subject being "The Endowment of Power."

The Sacred Heart Institute exercises this evening will be up to the high standard of the entertainment hitherto, given by that excellent institution. A pleasing program will be rendered and they should be given a full house.

Quite a collection of ex-Confederate veterans left for Memphis Monday night and Sunday night. From this city, G. B. Chandler, Capt. Nelson and Jas. S. Davenport. A large delegation from Chelsea passed through Monday afternoon.

Miss Tangle Ryan died at the Western hotel Tuesday night. She had been ill some time and was on route for El Paso, Texas, for her health. She was a friend of Miss Gertrude Hahell, of this place, and a daughter of a Frisco conductor from Fort Scott to Kansas City. Miss Ryan has been a guest to our city a number of times. Her body was sent to Kansas for burial.

Political Pow-Wow.  
Chief Huntington and some of his political advisers held a short conference at the chief's residence Monday night with some leading fullbloods from Delaware district. Jim Hildebrand and other Nationals were in the conference.

Mrs. Humphrey died at her home in this city at Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of many months with consumption. She had been a resident of Vinita for about fifteen years and was universally respected. The remains will be taken back to the old home in West Virginia for burial.

Complaint of the Chief.  
Chief Huntington returned from Muskogee last night where he had been to interview Aycock Shoenfelt with reference to the unlawful introduction and grazing of cattle in the Cherokee nation. The agent assured him that the matter would receive attention and that the Indian police would be at his service whenever an order was made. Chief Huntington will make complaint to United States District Attorney P. L. Soper and try to secure action at once.

Latest Literary News.  
In almost every walk of life there have been great women. But has there ever been a woman who has reached the very highest pinnacle in any field? In the June Cosmopolitan Ella Wheeler Wilcox answers this question in the negative and declares that even in the essentially feminine fields of cooking, dressmaking and millinery men excel women. "Women," says Mrs. Wilcox, "have not the concentration which gives a clear perspective." They lack system and patience and are distracted by data is turned aside by vanity.

Federal Court.  
Seven prisoners were brought into court late Tuesday afternoon to be sentenced, and some of them to have their cases transferred to other places for trial at the next term of court. Court will convene next Monday at Wagoner, which will end the session of the spring term of court in the Northern district. Judge John A. Thomas is still holding court at Pauls Valley in the Southern district Court adjourned here Wednesday.

Wolford Frost, convicted of stealing a steer from Wm. Johnston, was Tuesday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Missionary Meeting.  
A most enjoyable session of the Presbyterian Missionary society was held at the home of Mrs. D. M. Marks Tuesday afternoon. The subject for study was Porto Rico and a number of instructive and entertaining sketches of that country were read.

As the time of the program draws near, the social and refreshment were served, consisting of cake, strawberries and ice cream.

About twenty-five ladies were present and thanked Mrs. Marks for the success of the meeting. A great deal of credit for the growth, energy and enthusiasm of the society is due to the executive ability, graceful tact and sweet womanliness of the president.

Plans were made for a lawn social to be held next Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church.

## HOUSEBUILDING CATERPILLAR.

The Quaker Little Red Worm of Cuba Weaves a Silken Spook for Its Own Protection.

There is a certain species of caterpillar that not only lives the outside of its home with twigs and small bits of wood, but also has the power of taking its shelter with it whenever it decides to move. It is a habit peculiar to the bagworm or housebuilder moth, a caterpillar found in certain parts of Cuba, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The bag worm first weaves for its use a silken case. It then collects all kinds of splinters and tiny wood fragments, which are fastened in some way to the outside of the case. There it makes its home until fully matured, at which period it enters the case entirely and is changed to a grub or pupa. Here the female (a grublike creature without wings) lays her eggs, remaining inside until death. The male pupa, however, has a better future, for in a short while it works its way out from the lower end of the case and then, by some process similar to that of the butterfly, is changed to a beautiful moth, with brightly colored wings, having white stripes across its back. This, of course, ends its career as a bag worm.

It is before it is proven that the bag worm lives in its portable home and has the habit of moving from place to place. This is done by stretching forth its body, getting a foothold and crawling along with the case dangling behind. This would seem awkward, and, indeed, the bag worm presents a peculiar appearance, crawling from limb to limb and almost pulled off by its load of wood. In this way, though, it is not only sure of a home, but the entrance is so constructed that the sides can be pulled together, thus affording protection in time of attack. It seems strange, though, that when the bag worm is almost grown the case hangs down from the body when young, is carried in a straight line with it.

These caterpillars are naturally a source of much wonder to the natives of Cuba, who are superstitious regarding a worm which litters its house with so much wood and in a country where fire for the sake of warmth is not a necessity. The old Spanish legend has it that bag worms are the incarnation of kindling wood thieves, who now, after death, must carry on their backs their load of plunder, thus atoning for their faults until they become moths.

WHERE DISEASE GERMS GO.  
What Becomes of Them After the Death of Their Victims.

In a recent number of a German journal devoted to bacteriology an interesting summary is presented of certain results attained by Dr. Klein in the course of a long series of experiments made lately in which Dr. Klein endeavored successfully to ascertain what becomes of disease germs after the death of their victims.

These experiments had a very decided practical value, as the conditions which they proved to exist dispose effectively of one of the arguments which has been often used by advocates of cremation.

These latter have held that disease germs could retain their vitality for an indefinitely long period in the buried body, and that, therefore, cemeteries, in addition to being harmful because of the decaying organic matter which they contained, were positively dangerous because they acted as immense storage reservoirs for the bacteria of the different diseases.

Dr. Klein's results correct this mistaken idea. In order to carry out his experiments satisfactorily he buried animals which had died from certain known diseases, disinfected the bodies at the end of varying periods and examined the organs for bacteria.

The bacillus of Asiatic cholera was still living at the end of 19 days, but after being buried for 28 days living specimens could be found. The typhoid bacillus was able to exist for about the same length of time, while the germ which causes the bubonic plague was able to survive an interval of 17 days, but was never found living at the end of three weeks.

The bacillus of consumption lives for but a short time after the death of its victim. Dr. Klein always found it without difficulty in the organs, but was never able to obtain a successful culture. What is perhaps of greater importance, he was never able to cause tuberculosis by injecting the bacteria thus found into the system of a healthy animal.

Smart Tortois.  
The turtle is usually considered a slow-going creature, but the three which figure in this story were swift enough to get out of harm's way.

They are pets of a Mr. Eckert, who lives on a farm in Indiana. One day a large hawk came to the farm, clearing and swept over the field. After the fire had raged awhile he thought of his pets and went out to see what had become of them. Of course he was worried, fearing the turtles had not had time to escape.

After a long search he went a short distance from the track covered by the flames and discovered a single dog hole. In it he found one of the turtles down a considerable depth, digging deeper with astonishing vigor. Two were finally located down along a small stream, both in the water, with only their heads sticking out. When Mr. Eckert appeared on the scene they pushed their heads a little farther out, as much as to say: "We're all right; go about your business." Those turtles evidently knew when to get out of danger's way.

Golden Days.

WHEN LUCK LEAVES A MAN.  
One Case in Which Industry and a Light Heart Failed to Conquer Adversity.

"There's no use saying that industry and a light heart will beat a conspiracy of the fates, that there's no such thing as luck," said a man from the small hamlet, relates the New York Sun, "of old ballad. Take the case of old Bill Liscom."

Liscom used to live in New York and had a fine house on Madison avenue. Then something went wrong in business, and the family gave up New York and retired to their country place on one of the lakes white Bill, then past middle age, set out to recoup by taking anything in his business at which gave him any chance to turn a dollar.

"He knew a good deal about canals, canal traffic and freights, and some of the family's money had been made in commodities that have formed a large proportion of the canal's carrying trade. He was making a very small living, but always kept cheerful, especially when he went home."

and one day he thought he saw a shadow to turn a deal by canal shipment at a favorable state of the market. He set to work immediately, worked vigorously, and completed his deal, with the provision that delivery must be made within a certain time.

"It was Saturday, and he went home. Many Saturdays had been dreary ones, in spite of his cheerful nature. This day he said: 'Well, at last, I've got something. I've sold two boatloads of (call it grain), and if the world doesn't come to an end I've made \$200.'"

"The weather was good, the canal was open, by Tuesday his transaction would be completed. He was not a bit of a break in the canal tied up the boats, and Liscom's pocket was empty again."

"Liscom, saddened but still cheerful, set to work on another deal, and for some reason it seemed best to him—perhaps it was a necessity of the emergency—to borrow some money, which he had obtained by putting himself in the last straits, to a tugboat man whom he had trusted in many things in the days of his prosperity. The deal involved some carrying on the lakes, and both a payment and a new purchase were to be accomplished through the tugboat man. Having had experience as the under dog with unsuccessful men, and having been served faithfully always by the boatman, Liscom confided certain plans to his employee, from one of which the boatman got an idea, which accident enabled him to use to his employee's undoing."

"The tug set off with a tow. One of the big storms of the Great Lakes came up, the tow had to be cast adrift, and eventually the tug was abandoned. She was wrecked, and among the passengers who reached shore was Liscom's faithful man was not reported. He had had charge of the money. Liscom was broke. He was resigned, but he was not cast down. It was impossible now for him to raise any more money in any way, and he went to work as an ordinary employee of one of his former business associates."

"One day, less than a year after Liscom received a letter from his boatman, who told him where and under what name he had been living since his supposed drowning. The man confessed that when the tug was abandoned and a last effort made to reach shore, the temptation came to him to make off with the money, which he had taken with him from the tug, and to try to turn a trick with it on a part of the information which had been imparted to him by Liscom."

"A little later Liscom fell heir, through a revisionary bequest, to some lands under water, subject to location, unmarketable, unimprovable, and unprofitable. He was drawing an old man's salary and he couldn't get ahead enough to launch out again for himself. He struggled as long as he saw a chance ahead, but Liscom, but I tell you he was down on him."

Watches Baked and Frozen.  
If you contemplate buying an expensive watch you can have it sent to the observatory at New, where for 45 days it will undergo a trial that will test its capabilities to the utmost, says a London newspaper.

An ambitious watch in pursuit of a first-class certificate commences its career at New by standing upright for five days in an ordinary safe, it spends a similar period in three other positions, and is then placed on its back in a refrigerator. After five days of that lay-abide it is removed to an oven kept at a temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit and is at last returned to a normal temperature. All this time the watchful eye of the observer has been upon it, and the watch's behavior duly noted in books.

The highest marks awarded to a watch are 100, and if it gains over 80 the words "especially good" are written on its certificate when the watch is sent to the observatory. Last year the lowest marks received by a watch were 34 and the highest 90.1.—Detroit Free Press.

The Ordeal of Albert.  
It was at Windsor castle that Queen Victoria, then only a girl of 20, did what she described as "the most nervous thing a woman was ever called on to do," when she summoned the young Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to a private interview and "proposed" to him. She had first met him when, as a boy of 17, he came to the castle to be introduced to her. Three years later, he "made a proposal" of his love for his fair cousin, and when she was surprised and everyone was delighted.—Tit-Bits.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Gen. Harrison's hair and beard were blond in youth, but turned gray very early in life.

The late Baron Wilhelm von Rothschild, head of the famous house, made it a hard and fast rule always to give away one-tenth of his annual income in charity.

An American writer remarks that if one may judge from the English literary journals, English authors are at present divided into two categories—those who wrote "An Englishwoman's Love Letters" and those who have written parodies on them.

Thomas Jefferson Lloyd, an assistant doorkeeper of the United States senate, though in a general way totally unlike Vice President Roosevelt, yet in some mysterious way always strikes one as resembling the strenuous New Yorker. Visitors to the national capital often mistake his identity and even Washington officials fall into the same error.

Henry Irving, though he does not produce many plays, buys great number, and unlike many managers who only pay for them when they are produced, Sir Henry pays for them outright, and thereby saves much anxiety to the unfortunate authors, who sometimes are waiting months, and even years, for their plays to be produced, and whose hopes are frequently disappointed.

Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming, had an engagement with a theatrical party in Washington the other evening and at the last moment dashed out to get shaved. He found the barber shops closed and, having no razor of his own, borrowed one from a friend. He almost elicited his next session of congress he will introduce a bill compelling barber shops to keep open all night.

Every moment of Tolstoi's day is carefully partitioned out. When he plans a new book he settles the plan of the work, collects a great number of studies and writes rapidly without giving much attention to details. When the new work, cleanly copied, appears on his table it is lastingly remembered. The manuscript is speedily spotted all over with erasures and interpolations between the lines, at the end of each paragraph.

# SUMMER DRESS FABRICS!

On the verge of the heated season these fashionable summer fabrics become very interesting when so under-priced.

## Lawns and Dimities.

1,000 yards 27-inch sheer lawns, all good patterns and sell anywhere for 5 and 6 cents; we offer this line at 3 1/4c per yard.

25 pieces fine dimities and lawns 30 and 32 inches wide, very pretty for making summer dresses and light wrappers, 7c per yard.

10 pieces of fine dimities in figures, stripes and colors, such as blue, pink and gray. These qualities usually sell for 15 cents. Our price on them is only 10c per yard.

Our line of wash goods at 15c are the prettiest shown this season. We have organdies, dimities, batistes, and a fine line of dress madras cloths; they all go in the 15c line.

## Ladies' Summer Vests.

25 dozen ladies' summer vests in Ecru color only; this is a full size vest and worth 8 1/2c each. We put the line on sale at 5c each.

At 10c or 3 for 25c we offer a very fine Swiss vest in white, a full taped garment and regular sizes. This is by far the best garment ever offered for the money.

We also have a complete line of ladies' knit summer pants at 25 and 50c a pair. These are more desirable than those made of cambrics.

## Neckwear

Comprising all the new and nobby spring fashions, such as the fancy Windsor in grenadine and silk twills; the popular narrow Four-in-Hand, Bat Wing and Butterfly ties and Imperial Four-in-Hands, 25, 50 and 75c.

## Exercise and Health.

Action is Necessary to Aid in the Proper Discharge of the Purities.

Regarding the statement recently attributed to a Chicago physician to the effect that physical exercise was not only unnecessary, but detrimental to health, the New York Journal has an editorial which is well worth reading. The editor says:

"Question the men you know past middle age as to their condition. Many will tell you their trouble is kidney disease, which is easily avoided, destroys great numbers, especially among the prosperous, among clerics confined by long hours, school teachers and others who get insufficient exercise."

"Men die of kidney disease because the kidneys are compelled to do the work to carry on the processes of elimination which really ought to be attended to by the pores in the skin. We cannot be reminded you again, in case you are doubtful about the importance of exercise, of the part which the pores of your skin play in your interior economy."

"There are spread over the surface of your body, if you are a man of average size, about 7,000,000 pores. Each of these is a quarter-inch deep, and the total length of the pores in your skin would be equal to about 23 times the length of the Brooklyn bridge. These pores day and night eliminate from your body its poisons and impurities. If you don't take exercise, if you don't perspire and keep the pores open, the work which these pores should do is thrown upon the kidneys. The kidneys cannot do the work. Your blood is poisoned, and kidney disease comes along to claim you. A keen student of health remarked to this writer the other day that in winter there are many more deaths from kidney disease than in summer."

"This is due, of course, to the fact that in winter the pores of the man who does not exercise are even more clogged up than usual. Heat alone opens the pores in summer to some extent, although not enough."

"We inherit from our ancestors big muscles and abundant animal tissues accustomed to violent exercise. We may in time develop a race of men able to live without physical movement. But woe to the man who tries in his one generation to change the physical habits of thousands of generations that preceded him."

## STYLES IN SKIRTS.

Ruffles and Flounces are Growing in Favor as the Season Advances.

Flounces on underskirts are growing deeper and deeper. Point d'esprit dresses, pretty, fluffy-looking affairs for light petticoats. A pretty one of blue has the ruffle—not one of the widest—headed with a double rucking of the point d'esprit trimmed on both edges with baby ribbon of the same pale blue as the skirt. Several narrow ruffles of the lace on the bottom of the flounce are also edged with the ribbon, while at intervals strips of the ribbon run down the flounce from the rucking in the narrow ruffles, says the New York Times.

A pretty skirt which has a flounce of heavy net has a pinkish rucking of silk at the hem and clusters of pink ruffles running around the flounce, the

## Not for One Day Only

But for every day in the year; and our prices are absolutely THE LOWEST.

To make this store the regular every-day, thoroughly dependable buying headquarters for men's, boys' and children's wearables is our constant and determined effort. To make it "thoroughly dependable" as a supply center our prices must be right. We guard this vital point with great care, and know positively that our prices on similar qualities are the lowest quoted by anyone.

"High-Art" suits from \$7.50 to 18.00.

Men's suits at \$5.00, 6.00, 6.50, that have no equals.

Men's pants, \$3.50, 3.00 and 2.50; last week at 2.00.

Boys' suits spring weight, two pieces, 20 per cent discount.

Boys' suits spring weight, vestees and fancy vests, ages 3 to 9, 20 per cent discount.

Youths' suits spring styles, three pieces, ages 15 to 20, 20 per cent discount.

Boys, "Mothers Friend" shirt waists with patent leather belt, collars attached and collars separate, 75c and 50c line, age 8 to 14, at 38c.

Men's shirts in window 38c, 2 for 75c.

## Men's and Boys' Straw Hats.

Grand showing of all that's new this season in men's and boys' straw hats, rough Mackinac split, Milan and all kinds of shapes, 25, 50, 75c, \$1.00, 1.50 and 2.00.

## VERDIGRIS VICTIM.

Sylvester Smith, While Seining for Fish in the Verdigris River, Lost his Head and was Drowned.

Sylvester Smith, while seining for fish in the Verdigris river, lost his head and was drowned. The accident happened about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at what is known as the "round hole" just below the Madden ford, about three miles south of Chelsea, and the body was not recovered until 4 in the afternoon.

Mr. Smith had with him two or three small boys to aid him in handling the net, but they could render no assistance. The deceased was 37 years old and lived on Possum creek, about four miles southwest of Coffeyville. He was a son-in-law of Gilbert Anderson, a well-known Territory stockman. The funeral was held at 4 p. m. Monday from the undertaking rooms of the Coffeyville Furniture company, conducted by Rev. A. L. Haulby, and the remains interred in Elmwood cemetery.—Chelsea Journal.

## THE GRAND JURY

Adjourned After Examining 153 Cases and Presenting 110 Indictments.

The grand jury ceased their labors for the season Saturday evening after having examined 153 cases since the 13th inst. Of this number 110 indictments were found. Judge Gill highly complimented the gentlemen for their intelligent work, and the prosecuting attorneys were no less in their praise. The jury presented the appended resolutions at thanks:

"Be it resolved by the grand jurors for the northern district, Indian Territory, at Vinita, this May term of this court, 1901.

"That we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the kindness shown us and the treatment received at the hands of the Honorable Joseph A. Gill, Judge, and Hon. Finley L. Soper, district attorney, and his assistants, and especially are we under obligations to Mr. O. L. Rider, assistant attorney, who has been at all times untiring in his efforts to aid us in getting at the truth in all matters brought before the grand jury. Mr. White, who has served us in the capacity of bailiff has at all times been both courteous and efficient."

A western postmistress who was in New York the other day, reports the Sun, said:

"One of the noticeable things about my office is the purchase of special delivery stamps by the colored people in my town. They get their mail at the general delivery, or most of them do, and when they don't get a letter they will say they don't understand it, as they want a special delivery stamp for a reply."

"I told them at first that any mail addressed to them under a special delivery would be sent to the house to which the letter was addressed; but they said no, they preferred to call for it."

"I have tried to explain to them that according to their plan one letter costs 23 cents, providing they enclosed a special delivery with each letter they mailed, for they also sent their mail by special delivery; but it was time wasted. One of them recently put a special delivery on a postal card."

"When I was in Washington the other day I mentioned the partiality of colored people for special delivery stamps and was told the same thing was true of the race there. And now I am looking for somebody to explain it."